GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6623
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SHARING AGREEMENT WITH RAJASTHAN TOURISM CORPORATION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have not been able to work out a mutually acceptabl revenue-sharing agreement with Rajasthan Tourism Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons for not working out an agreement in time by the Railways;

(c) the steps taken to reach an agreement shortly;

(d) the reasons for not holding meetings on time to resolve such issues by the Railways;

(e) whether the Railways have neglected other tourism sectors due to the Palace on Wheels in Rajasthan; and

(f) the steps being proposed by the Railways to take a country-wide view of tourism potential?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

a) to (d) No, Sir. It has been mutually decided to share the revenue in the ration of 56:44 between the Indian Railways and the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation. The Agreement incorporating the above revenue sharing ration will be effective from 01/04/2001.

b) No, Sir.

c) Railways have taken steps for promoting tourism by running special trains/coaches for common passengers and luxury trains like Palace on Wheels, Royal Orient Express, and providing Indrail Passes, reservation quota, facilitation centers for the foreign touristsA new company, Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), has also been set up for providing value added tourism packages.